(c) whether it is proposed to take any effective steps to control the PMO from extending its reach and influencing the decisions on the various issues concerning the different Ministries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations are baseless.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Central Staffing Scheme

3742. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details and salient features of the Central Staffing Scheme prevalent in the Ministries and Departments as well as Instrumentalities of the Union Government;

(b) whether approval of ACC is essential in the context of Central Staffing Scheme relating to appointments of officers of the rank of Secretaries and above; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The details and salient features of the Central Staffing Scheme are contained in Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training's) Office Memorandum No. 36/77/94-EO(SM.I), dated the 5th January, 1996 which is a published document. The Scheme provides a systematic arrangement for selection and appointment of officers to senior administrative posts at the Centre, excluding posts which are specifically encadred within the organised Group 'A*

Services or filled by recruitment through the Union Public Service Commission. All posts of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Government of India may be filled on tenure deputation from the All India Services and Group *A* Central Civil Services participating in the Central Staffing Scheme excluding such posts of Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary as are filled by officers of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) in accordance with the rules of CSS. Appointments under the Scheme are made by borrowing officers from the various services for a stipulated tenure on deputation.

(b) and (c) The appointments requiring the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet are listed in Annexure-I to the First Schedule of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules 1961, as amended from time to time. Approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet is required for appointments of officers to posts of the rank of Secretaries to Government of India and above.

Successful IAS Candidates

†3743. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual number of candidates selected for the Indian Administrative Services in the country;

(b) the average number of retiring IAS officers during the last few years in the country; and

(c) the number of retired officers reappointed in the administrative services during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

† Origmal notice of the question was received in Hindi.